

QUEENSLAND PRODUCTIVITY COMMISSION ACT 2025

Section 38

DIRECTION

Direction

Under sections 9(1)(d) and 38 of the *Queensland Productivity Commission Act 2025*, I direct the Commission to provide advice in accordance with the request set out below.

Queensland's energy and emissions settings

Queensland's electricity system encompasses generation, storage and firming, network, and retail elements and plays a key role in a competitive, productive economy. Affordable, reliable, and sustainable electricity underpins many industries and sectors, as well as households and small business operations across the state.

To support progress towards an affordable, reliable, and sustainable electricity system investment in new energy supply and infrastructure is required, both in Queensland and across the National Electricity Market.

Queensland must have a realistic and credible energy roadmap, grounded in economics, and focused on affordability. To support this, the Queensland Government is reviewing Queensland's energy and emissions settings. The Queensland Government proposes to:

- review the *Energy (Renewable Transformation and Jobs) Act 2024*, *Clean Economy Jobs Act 2024* and repeal the renewable energy targets.
- develop a five-year energy roadmap that outlines an affordable, reliable, and sustainable electricity system, as promised.

The Queensland Productivity Commission is being tasked with providing a set of targeted advice to support the broader government review.

Initial advice on energy and emissions settings

I direct the Queensland Productivity Commission to provide advice on energy policy and productivity, including on:

- electricity system productivity, i.e., economic output from each unit of primary electricity consumed, including how regulatory and market settings can enhance productivity while improving affordability of electricity for households and businesses.
- any significant impact of current energy and emissions policy settings on Queensland's electricity prices, system costs, and commercial and industrial competitiveness.
- the role of state government in facilitating an efficient shift of the electricity sector to support an economically sound pathway to reduce emissions, including potential actions that can be taken to reduce costs for electricity consumers.
- any policy and regulatory barriers impeding efficient private sector investment in new electricity infrastructure, specifically generation, storage and firming infrastructure, and potential options to address these barriers with a view towards growing our energy supply.

Timeframes

The Commission is required to submit its advice by 1 September 2025.



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